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Economic Development Office Provides Free Ad Space in *BusinessScene*

The Economic Development Office offers free advertising space for city businesses in its e-newsletter, *The Business Scene*, beginning in the January 2015 issue.

Businesses are responsible for creating their own ads, which will be accepted by the Economic Development Office on a first come, first serve basis.

The BusinessScene is published bi-monthly and distributed upon request via e-mail, as well as posted on the Economic Development Office section of the city website. Information: Nicole.Hange@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7851.



Please see page 2 for the City of Fairfax's December holiday closure and refuse/recycling collection information.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Festival of Lights and Carols Held December 6 at Sherwood

Ring in the holiday season at the Festival of Lights and Carols December 6 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. Information: 703-385-7858.

The Sherwood Center grounds will be a Winter Wonderland with animated lights through January 4, 2015, sponsored by

Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority and Bull Run Festival of Lights.

Children ages 10 and younger can lunch with Santa (at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.). Tickets (\$8 per child) are sold by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Listen to live holiday music and enjoy s'mores and hot cider from noon to 7 p.m. on the Civic Green in front of Sherwood Community Center.

Join the caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree beginning at 5 p.m. on the Civic Green.

After the festival, enjoy *Celtic Christmas with Sior-Óg* at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Center, sponsored by the Commission on the Arts. Cost: \$7 per person; free for children age 12 and younger. (Photo: City of Fairfax)



See page 6 for the city's winter weather information!

Curbside Leaf Collection Continues; Please Rake All Leaves to Curb by December 26

The City of Fairfax offers curbside leaf collection through January 2, 2015 with new, efficient leaf-collection trucks. Please rake loose leaves to the curb. Bagged leaves are not collected during this time.

Please exclude stones, branches and other large items from leaf piles, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 26 so crews may effi-

ciently collect all leaves on all routes.

Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently, so special collection requests cannot be accommodated. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection. Some residual dust can be expected after collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents. Sign up for leaf collection information on Fairfax City Alert on the city website. Information: 703-385-LEAF.

City Government Offices December Closures

Luncheon — City government offices will be closed from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm December 11 for the employee recognition luncheon.

Christmas — City government offices will close at noon December 24 and remain closed December 25-26.

The General District Court will close December 24-26. Information: 703-385-7866.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) and Historic Blenheim (703-691-0560) will be open until noon on December 24 and closed December 25-26.

CUE Bus will run on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m. December 24. There is no CUE Bus service December 25. CUE Bus will follow a modified weekday schedule December 26. Information: 703-385-7859.

New Year's Day — General District Court closes at noon December 31 and remains closed January 1-2, 2015.

On January 1, 2015, city government offices will be closed, as will the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim and General District Court. There will be no CUE Bus service January 1, 2015.

December Holiday Refuse/ Recycling Collection Schedule

Christmas

- Monday, 12/22: Monday refuse and recycling routes collected
- Tuesday, 12/23: Tuesday and Wednesday refuse and recycling routes collected
- Wednesday, 12/24: Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected
- Thursday, 12/25: no collection (*Thursday route collected 12/24*)
- Friday, 12/26: no collection (*Friday route collected 12/24*)

New Year's Day

- Thursday, 1/1/2015: no collection
- Friday, 1/2/2015: regular Thursday and Friday routes collected

Information: 703-385-7837

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Meeting Set for December 10

The preparation of revisions to the zoning ordinance continues with the preparation of the third draft module. Community members are invited to attend the upcoming meeting of Zoning Rewrite Advisory Committee to listen to the committee's discussion at 6 p.m. December 10 in the City Hall Annex.

The community is encouraged to post comments on the draft or send messages to the project team through Zoning Fairfax (www.zoningfairfax.com).

The city's zoning ordinance rewrite project launched in December 2013 with working sessions to help identify areas for improvement in the city's land use regulations and procedures. Information: 703-385-7930.

Advisory Referendum Defeated

A recent City Charter Commission recommended changing the terms of office for Mayor, City Council, and School Board from two years to four.

City Council decided to ask the voters to provide their opinions of such a change at an Advisory Referendum held November 4.

The result of the referendum question was 4,604 against and 2,224 in favor of the referendum.

Fire Department Seeking New Coats, Toys For Children

The City of Fairfax Fire Department has partnered with Fairfax City Firefighters Local 2702 to be ambassadors in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty.

Financial contributions are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity or by mail to Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

The fire department also is collecting

new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots campaign through December 19 at Fire Station 3 (4081 University Drive), Fire Station 33 (10101 Fairfax Boulevard) and the Code Administration Office in City Hall Annex. Information: 703-385-7940.

Dog License Applications Mailed in December

City dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 a year for unaltered dogs. All dogs age four months and older must be licensed.

To obtain a license, dog owners must present a current rabies certificate for each dog. Licenses may be purchased for the years the rabies vaccination is valid. If applicable, residents must present a neuter/spay certificate (*for first-time licenses only*).

Licenses may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, and applications are available on the city website (*under Police/Animal Control*). Information: 703-385-7900.

Download the City Mobile App Today

Take the City of Fairfax wherever you go, courtesy of the city's new free app, for use on iOS and Android systems. Contact the Mayor and City Council from your handheld device. Catch up on city news, find parks and schools, find the city government on social media — and more. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/mobileapp.



Stay Informed With Fairfax City Alert

Find out first! Find out fast! Find out about city government activities and services via Fairfax City Alert. Enroll today, before winter weather arrives, by visiting the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.



Being 'Street Smart' Increases Awareness of Everyone on Road

Those who walk, drive or ride in and around Fairfax should be Street Smart and travel with caution, particularly during the winter season.

Please obey traffic laws and follow traffic signals and signs. Be aware of surroundings and never proceed unless it is safe to do so. Always wear safety gear as appropriate: helmets, seat belts, proper clothing for the weather and time of day.

Stay visible in the dark, whether with reflective clothing for the walker or biker, or proper lights on bicycles and cars. Make sure all equipment is functioning properly, from lights to brakes to pedals to windshield wipers.

Drivers and bicyclists should allow three feet between them. Cyclists should ride in the direction of motor vehicle traffic, a car door-distance from parked cars.

Wait for the proper signal to enter traffic: pedestrians, or turning vehicles, may have the right-of-way. Drivers turning on red should advance with caution.

Take your time and travel cautiously in bad weather. Arrive safely, even if that means walking the bike or traveling slower than the posted speed limit. Remember: CUE Buses travel in nearly all weather.

Visit the city website for more Street Smart tips.

Information: 703-385-7889.

City Council, Planning Commission Launch Budget Process With CIP Discussion December 2

The city has begun the process of reviewing the capital improvement projects to be scheduled for the next five years. On December 2, the City Council will discuss the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on the proposed CIP at its December 8 meeting in the City Hall Annex.

Cityscreen-12 will televise these meetings; see page 5 for information.

The City Council will hold work sessions and public hearings on the proposed CIP in

March and April 2015. The CIP will be adopted with the budget in April 2015.

The CIP is the planning document for capital improvements to be scheduled in fiscal years 2015-16 through 2019-20. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle.

Information: 703-385-7870.

Vision Fairfax Mason Charrette Garners Much Community Interest; Conversation Continues

The City of Fairfax community and the Mason Nation had a joint conversation at its recent Vision Fairfax Mason workshop in November, which was well-attended and launched important conversations about land use and development in the city.

The workshop, called a "charrette," was held by the city and George Mason University to explore various short- and long-term visions for the city's historic downtown area.

The workshop examined several aspects of downtown planning, including transportation, community development/design

issues, economic development and housing.

The PowerPoint presentations given during the event, including the special presentation by Chris Leinberger November 6, are available on the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/VisionFairfaxMason.

Watch the final presentation of the charrette on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station; see page 5 for the Cityscreen-12 schedule or watch on the city's YouTube channel.

Information: 703-385-7930.

Stay connected on Twitter: @VisionFfxMason. On social media, follow or use #VisionFairfaxMason.



Reminder: Holiday Greens Collected Curbside

The holidays go by quickly — and once the holidays are over, consider giving your live trees, garland and wreaths a chance to keep on giving.



Please place live greenery at the curb for collection on your scheduled collection day.

These materials are taken to the Fairfax County landfill to be made into mulch, which is available to city residents while supplies last.

Recycling Bins Available; Toters Permitted

City residents who receive city curbside recycling service from the city are provided special blue recycling bins for this purpose. Request new (or additional) recycling bins at WeCare@fairfaxva.gov or 703-385-7837.

City residents may use larger containers they supply themselves, which may be up to 35 gallons (typical refuse container-size) with lids. Please make sure they are clearly marked as "recycling." (If possible, please choose blue-colored containers so crews can easily identify them).

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has two flyers available on the city website to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City, and*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*

Information: 703-293-7141.

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INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Partial Real Estate Tax Exemptions Program Ends December 31

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption before any construction begins (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. *Applications are being accepted through December 31, 2014.* Information: 703-385-7840.



City Council Reporter October 28, 2014

Public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, to defer action for the special use permits for the medical care facility at 10100 Fairfax Boulevard and to continue the public hearing until November 18, 2014. (*Councilmembers Meyer and Schmidt were absent.*)

Items not requiring a public hearing

- The Council reached a consensus to move the document forward for a discussion with Delegate Bulova and Senator Petersen on November 18, 2014. (*Councilmember Meyer was absent.*)

This is a summary; for a complete copy, or meeting minutes, call 703-385-7935.

Protect Home, Business During Holidays

During the holidays, a little caution — and advice from the City of Fairfax Fire Department and City of Fairfax Police Department — can help prevent tragedy.

Fire Prevention — Read directions to properly and safely maintain and use holiday decorations. All decorations should be fire-safe and should not block doors, windows or other exits. Combustible decorations like trees and wrapping paper should be kept away from fires, space heaters and other ignition sources.

Never allow candles to burn unattended.

Cool fireplace ashes in metal containers or in the fireplace for three days before disposing of them.

Check lights for frayed cords, bare wires and broken bulbs. Live trees should

be supple and fresh (with plenty of water in the tree stand). Consider an uncut tree that can be planted after the holidays. Artificial trees should be fire-resistant.

Information: 703-385-7830.

Personal Safety — When traveling, make the house look occupied with interior and exterior lights. Stop deliveries and have someone pick up publications and papers left at the door.

Remember to *Lock, Take, Hide*: keep valuables locked away or safely hidden from view at home and in vehicles when you shop or travel. Lock the car and the house securely when you leave, even for a short period of time.

Do not enter a house that appears to have been burglarized.

Information: 703-385-7925.

Real Estate Tax Payments Due December 5; Tax Relief Available

Real estate tax payments are due by December 5. Payments postmarked or made after December 5 will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty and interest charges.

In addition to paying by mail or in person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, taxpayers may pay their tax bills online using e-checks (a free service) or with credit cards (for which there is a fee for usage). For information, visit the *Treasurer's Office Web pages* on the city website.

Real property owners whose real estate taxes are not escrowed by a mortgage company may pre-pay real estate taxes in monthly installments. Information: 703-385-7904.

The city continues to provide a comprehensive real estate tax relief program for senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities. These options include tax relief, deferral, freeze or combination of freeze and deferral.

City real property owners will receive tax relief information with their tax assessment notices in 2015. Information: 703-359-2486.

Virginia has created a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Information: 703-359-2486.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Highlights from the 2014 Fall Festival

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm through December 12

Highlights from the 2014 Festival of Lights and Carols

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm beginning December 13

Archived online: "special programming."

Available on city's YouTube channel

School Board

LIVE 12 Monday, December 1, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, December 2, 10 am

Thursday, December 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, December 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, December 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 2

City Council

LIVE 12 Tuesday, December 2, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, December 3, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 3



Tuesday, December 9, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, December 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 10

OnDEMAND December 17

Planning Commission



Monday, December 8, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, December 9, 10 am

Thursday, December 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 9

Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

Vision Fairfax Mason Charrette

Watch a replay of the final presentation by consultants at Vision Fairfax Mason charrette November 8. The replay will be shown at 10 am and 7 pm on days when city government meetings and replays are not scheduled.

Award-Winning Program on Mosby's Raid Available

Enjoy the Cityscreen-12 program on a celebrated sesquicentennial event. On March 9, 2013, Cityscreen-12 recorded a celebrated sesquicentennial event: the reenactment of the capture of Union General Stoughton during Colonel John S. Mosby's midnight raid. Cityscreen-12's award-winning program is available on DVD and Blu-ray for \$15 each.

Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

Meetings, Programs Available for Loan and Purchase

Cityscreen-12 programs, including televised city meetings, are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD from the City Manager's Office (703-385-7855; WeCare@fairfaxva.gov).

Blu-ray and DVD copies of some programs may be purchased for \$15 each. *(Please note: some programs may not be available for purchase.)*

Programs may be recorded for private viewing.

Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board

Information: 703-385-7910

December 1 regular meeting

- Spotlight on Learning.
- Staff/student recognition.
- Student Representative Report.
- Fairfax County Public School Legislative Program report.
- Approval of the 2015 Legislative Program.
- Approval of the revised Six Year Plan.
- Approval of the November 3, 2014 minutes.

City Council

Information: 703-385-7935

December 2 work session

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission on the fiscal year 2015-16 Capital Improvement Program projects.
- Discussion of the CUE transit study (tentative).

- Discussion of a request by Lotte Plaza for a special use permit for a grocery store and 700 trips per day in the highway corridor overlay district and associated special exceptions.
- Discussion on economic development incentives.
- Discussion of the Old Town Charrette follow-up and next steps.
- Discussion of the Daniels Run Stream restoration project final design.

December 9 regular meeting

- Introduction of an appropriation resolution for the city's portion of the WPFs Criterion and Fireman's Muster.
- Introduction of an ordinance authorizing Northfax right-of-way quick take (condemnation).
- Public hearing on a request by the City of Fairfax School Board for a permit to construct a telecom monopole at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run.

- Public hearing on a request for renewal of a special use permit to allow an in-home daycare located at 10917 Marilta Court.
- Public hearing on a request by Oak Knolls for a residential planned development at 10758-10782 Main Street.
- Public hearing for a residential planned development zoning text amendment.

Planning Commission

Information: 703-385-7930

December 8 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvements Program for fiscal year 2015-16 through fiscal year 2019-20.

Please note: proposed agendas and other meeting information are subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting; information will be available on the city website or by phone at the number listed above.



Winter Weather Info

Remain Ready for Emergencies

Winter weather can cause power outages, impede mobility and cause emergency conditions. Here are some ideas from the Emergency Management Office on how to prepare for winter emergencies.

Visit the [Emergency Management Office Web page](#) on the city website for winter weather preparation ideas. Information: 703-385-7846 (regular office hours).

Dealing with Snow, Ice Removal

The city is among the few local jurisdictions to plow its own roads. Public Works Department crews work around the clock to make city streets passable during a snowstorm.

When snow is predicted, park vehicles in driveways and off the street when possible to make plowing quicker and easier.

Please clean snow from driveways and sidewalks in front of your properties.

If the snow is deep enough, plows may push snow into cleared driveway bays — unfortunate, unavoidable and unintentional. Here are some shoveling tips:

- When shoveling driveways, continue to remove snow for a few feet past the curb or driveway, into the street.
- Pile snow to the left of the driveway (facing the driveway from the street), a few feet from the curb or edge of the property. *Remember: do not pile snow in the street.*
- When shoveling, remove snow from an area to the right of the driveway. Make it a few feet long and a few feet wide. Snow plows will have less snow to carry past your driveway — and the plow can drop the snow it's already carrying.
- Please remove snow from around fire hydrants so the fire department can find them when needed.

Prepare for Power Outages

Keep electronic communication devices fully charged during an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Kit Checklist

- ☐ water (one gallon per person and pet per day)
- ☐ non-perishable food for 3-5 days, manual can opener, disposable plates and utensils
- ☐ non-electric items (radio, flashlight, etc.)
- ☐ first aid supplies
- ☐ trash bags
- ☐ disinfectant/bleach
- ☐ duct tape
- ☐ cash/traveler's checks
- ☐ clothing (one or two complete clothing changes)
- ☐ bedding
- ☐ tools (including extra batteries, matches, power cords for devices such as smartphones)
- ☐ toiletry items, including prescription drugs
- ☐ special needs items for elderly, ill, children
- ☐ Pet supplies (food and water for three days, medicine if needed, first aid kit, litter box or sealable plastic bag and sanitizing supplies for waste; familiar items and toys, carrier or crate, spare leash/collar/ID tags)
- ☐ important documents
- ☐ entertainment (books, games)

Keep ready in case utilities are down or evacuation is needed.

Keep non-electric tools handy in case of power failure, including flashlights, manual can openers and battery-powered radios.

Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know the building management emergency phone numbers and be familiar with emergency exit routes.

When using generators, keep them outside the buildings for safety purposes. Be mindful of the noise generators cause and consider turning them off at night, if possible. (Cold/frozen items will remain safe for hours in a closed refrigerator.)

Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.

Find Reliable Service Providers Now

Make provisions for services you may need before the situation arises. Make arrangements before you need to for such services as snow removal, home repairs, tree limb removal, transportation and more.

Contact service providers recommended by family, friends and neighbors to arrange service in case of emergency.

Use Multiple Resources for Information, Communication

Identify multiple ways to reach friends and family in case of emergency (telephone, text, social media) in case some resources are not available.

Choose weather-related news and information sources, such as the National Weather Service or news radio stations, to check information and remain informed.

Check on Your Neighbors

Be a good neighbor: check on those around you and give them a hand when you can. Pay special attention to neighbors who are elderly or those with disabilities.

Utility Issue Contacts

- Water main breaks: Fairfax Water (www.fairfaxwater.org, 703-698-5613, watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org).
- Electricity outage: Dominion Virginia Power (www.dom.com; 888-667-3000).

Information Resources

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television and city website

24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056	1 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Evening Under the Stars, 5:30 pm, GMU Observatory  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	2  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	3 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	4 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Theater Company: A Christmas Carol, 7:30 pm, Truro Anglican Church	5 Real estate taxes due Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Virginia Opera: H.M.S. Pinafore, 8 pm, Center for the Arts	6 Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 am, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Lunch With Santa and Festival of Lights and Carols — see page 1 A Celtic Christmas with Sior-Og, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center
7 City of Fairfax Theater Company: A Christmas Carol, 2 pm, Truro Anglican Church Christmas in Camp, noon to 4 pm, Historic Blenheim Main Street Community Band, 4 pm, Sidney Lanier Middle School	8  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	9  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	10 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center Zoning Rewrite Ordinance meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex Spotlight on the Arts Steering Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	11 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	12 A Christmas Story, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (food donations accepted) Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Ensemble PVS — Folk to Art: Edvard Grieg, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	13 Acting for Young People Performances, Center for the Arts TheaterSpace Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center
14 Second Sunday Series: Four Centuries of Virginia Christmases, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Northern Virginia Youth Winds, 3 pm, W.T. Woodson High School Acting for Young People Performances, Center for the Arts TheaterSpace	15 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	16 Commission on the Arts, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	17 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	18 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	19 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	20 City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society, 7 pm, Fairfax High School
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City Happenings

History Programs Planned December 7, 14

Spend *Christmas in Camp* from noon to 4 p.m. December 7 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Celebrate *Four Centuries of Virginia Christmases* at 2 p.m. December 14 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Celebrate Holiday With Music in December

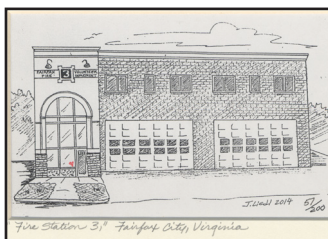
Music lovers have their choice of concerts to celebrate the season in and around Fairfax.

The Main Street Community Band will be *Home for the Holidays* at 4 p.m. December 7 at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road. Free tickets are required. Information: 571-336-CFBA.

The free Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues at 8 p.m. December 12 with the *Ensemble PVS*. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

The Northern Virginia Youth Winds envisions *Cool Runnings* at 3 p.m. December 14 at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street. Free tickets are required. Information: 571-336-CFBA.

The City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society celebrate *Christmas in Fairfax* at 7 p.m. December 20 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Free tickets are required. Information: 571-336-CFBA.



New Chocolate Lovers Valentine Available; Festival Set for February 7-8, 2015

Chocolate Lovers Festival valentines are available now at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main Street) and at City Hall, Room 123 and Room 316. Cost is

\$5 each and includes a coupon for five pogs at the Taste of Chocolate.

The next Chocolate Lovers Festival will be February 7-8, 2015, in Old Town Fairfax. Information: 703-385-7858, www.chocolate-festival.net.

Cinema Series Continues December 12; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *A Christmas Story* for free at 7 p.m. December 12 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Fairfax Memorabilia For Sale

Shop local with Fairfax memorabilia — books by local authors, Civil War-related gifts and more — for sale at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (703-385-8414) and the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway (703-691-0560).